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NOTE

From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject: European Council meeting (19 and 20 March 2026)
– Annotated draft agenda

In accordance with Article 3(1) of the Rules of Procedure of the European Council, the President of the European Council, in close cooperation with the member of the European Council representing the Member State holding the six-monthly Presidency of the Council and with the President of the Commission, is to submit an annotated draft agenda to the General Affairs Council.

Delegations will find attached the annotated draft agenda submitted by the President of the European Council, setting out the main items the European Council is expected to address at the above meeting.

In the light of the final discussion to be held by the General Affairs Council within the five days preceding the European Council meeting, the President of the European Council is to draw up the provisional agenda.

I. UKRAINE

The European Council will address Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine in all its dimensions, including the ongoing peace efforts, and the Union's continued support to Ukraine and its people.

II. MIDDLE EAST

The European Council will address developments in the Middle East, including as regards the implementation of the UN Security Council Resolution 2803.

III. COMPETITIVENESS AND SINGLE MARKET

Building on the latest discussions of the members of the European Council, in particular in Alden Biesen, the European Council will focus on concrete commitments and timelines in priority areas to push forward EU competitiveness and strategic autonomy in the new geo-economic context, including through a 'One Europe, One Market' agenda.

IV. NEXT MULTIANNUAL FINANCIAL FRAMEWORK

The European Council will have an exchange of views on the next Multiannual Financial Framework.

V. EUROPEAN DEFENCE AND SECURITY

The European Council will revert to the matter of European defence and security. It will take stock of progress in the implementation of its previous conclusions and provide guidance as needed.

VI. MIGRATION

The European Council will take stock of progress in the implementation of its conclusions on migration.
